

REMARKS

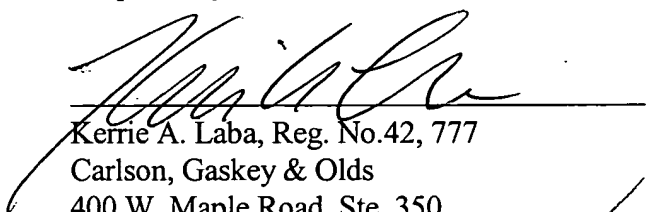
The Examiner has requested restriction to one of the following inventions: (I) claims 1-7 and 19-21 or (II) claims 8-18, 22, and 23. Applicant has cancelled claims 8-18, 22, and 23 and has added new claims 24-38 to address the Examiner's argument that Inventions (I) and (II) are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. Applicant now believes that with the entry of the new claims, a restriction requirement is no longer necessary.


If the Examiner does not accept Applicant's arguments in response to the restriction requirement then Applicant hereby elects invention I, claims 1-7 and 19-21. Applicant further believes that claims 24-30 should also be included in invention I.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Examination on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

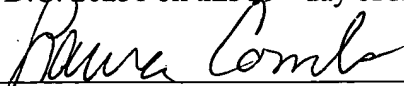

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